

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on March 22, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)  
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Roy Brown (R)  
Rep. David Ewer (D)  
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)  
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch  
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 490, SB 13, SB 365,  
3/3/1999  
Executive Action: SB 13, SB 365, SB 126, SB 132,  
SB 331, SB 399,

**HEARING ON SB 13**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Senator McNutt, SD 50 introduced SB 13.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 39}***

**Proponents' Testimony:** Dean Roberts, Montana Vehicle Division, Dept. of Justice.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 39 - 89}***

Joe Mazurek, Attorney General

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 89 - 109}***

Frank Cadby, Montana Bankers Assn. **EXHIBIT**(buh64a01)

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 109 - 130}***

Steve Turkowitz, Montana Auto Dealers Assn.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 130 - 148}***

Bob Pyfer, Sr. Vice President Montana Credit Union League.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 148 - 160}***

Mike Foster, Montana Contractors Assn.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 160 - 176}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Bookout, Stovall, Ewer and Simon questions witnesses.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 176 - 276}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Senator McNutt closed SB 13. Rep. Sliter to carry bill on house floor.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 276 - 286}***

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 13**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. PAVLOVICH moved that SB 13 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 286 - 300}***

**HEARING ON SB 365**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Senator Mohl, SD 39 introduced SB 365.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 300 - 379}***

**Proponents' Testimony:** Mike Foster, Montana Contractors Assn.

**EXHIBIT** (buh64a02) **EXHIBIT** (buh64a03)

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 379 - 436}***

Paul Thompson, Gilman Const, Butte, MT.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 436 - 470}***

Gene Fenderson, Montana Heavy and Hiway Joint Comm.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 470 - 481}***

Carl Schweitzer, Montana Sub-Contractors Assn.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 481 - 490}***

Tom Hattersley, Montana Contractors Assn.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 490 - 500}***

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Ewer, Squires, and Simon questions witnesses.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9 - 161}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Senator Mohl closed SB 365. Rep. Bitney to carry on house floor.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 161 - 200}***

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 365**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. EWER moved that SB 365 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 200 - 248}***

**HEARING ON SB 271**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Senator Taylor, SD 37 introduced SB 271. **EXHIBIT** (buh64a04)

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 248 - 416}***

**Proponents' Testimony:** Riley Johnson, State Director Montana Federation of Independent Businessmen. **EXHIBIT (buh64a05)**  
**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 416 - 500}**

Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Assn.  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 18}**

Jim Nyes, Society of Rest. Managers.  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18 - 25}**

Janet Stuce, Big Sky Human Resources.  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25 - 35}**

Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 35 - 46}**

Bob Pyfer, Montana Credit Union League  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 46 - 64}**

Dean Randash, NAPA Auto Parts Dealer  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 64 - 91}**

Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 91 - 121}**

Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman and Kalispell Chamber of Commerce  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 121 - 130}**

**Opponents' Testimony:** Mike Meloy, attorney  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 130 - 159}**

Gene Fenderson, Montana Joint Heavy and Hiway Comm.  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 159 - 182}**

Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Assn.  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 182 - 276}**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Ewer, Squires, Pavlovich, Krenzler and Simon questions Mike Meloy.  
**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 276 - 500}**  
**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 33}**

**Closing by Sponsor:** Senator Taylor closed SB 271.  
**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 33 - 86}**

**HEARING ON SB 490**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Senator Glazer, SD 8, introduced SB 490.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 86 - 145}***

**Proponents' Testimony:** Zack Pallister, Sub Contractors of America.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 145 - 164}***

Jim Wolfe, Polar Electric.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 164 - 169}***

Carl Schweitzer, Montana Sub-Contractors Assn. **EXHIBIT** (buh64a06)

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 169 - 206}***

Dennis Iverson, National Electrical Contractors

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 206 - 209}***

Mike Foster, Montana Contractors Assn.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 209 - 257}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Pavlovich, McKenney, Sliter, Brown, Bitney, Stovall, Ewer and Simon questions witnesses.

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***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 131}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Senator Glazer closed SB 490.

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 131 - 148}***

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 126**

**Motion:** REP. KRENZLER moved that SB 126 BE CONCURRED IN.

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 148 - 153}***

**Motion/Vote:** REP. LAWSON moved that SB 126 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 17-1 with Lawson voting no.

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 153 - 160}***

**Motion/Vote:** REP. SLITER moved that SB 126 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 17-1 with Trexler voting no.

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 160 - 178}***

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 132

Motion: REP. KRENZLER moved that SB 132 BE CONCURRED IN.  
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 178 - 193}

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that SB 132 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.  
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 193 - 199}

Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES moved that SB 132 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion failed 17-1 with Lawson voting aye.  
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 199 - 203}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 331

Motion/Vote: REP. KRENZLER moved that SB 331 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 14-4 with Brown, Ewer, Lawson, and McKenney voting no.  
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 203 - 250}

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: Noon A.M.

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REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

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PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (buh64aad)**